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August 4, 2005

Office of Proceedings

Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: STB Docket No. AB-490-1-X
Greenville County Economic Development Corporation
For Exemption for Partial Discontinuance and Partial Abandonment
Greenville County, SC

Secretary Williams:

Paper Cutters Inc. wishes to file an opposition to above referenced abandonment of the railroad extending from MP 0.0, in Greenville, SC, to MP 11.8, at the northern limits of Travelers Rest, SC, in Greenville County. This protest is being filed within the 45 day requirement.

Paper Cutters is located at 840 N. Hwy 25 By-Pass, Greenville SC. Our primary business is converting large rolls of paperboard into products that are used in a wide array of industries such as textiles, agriculture, appliance manufacturing, and furniture manufacturers. We currently have 50 employees.

Paper Cutters is very interested in seeing this railroad brought back into service. There are no other rail lines in Northern Greenville County. We are currently using the rail siding of another business in a different part of the county. We then have to bring our raw materials in by truckloads from there. It cost anywhere from 4 to 9 times more to ship by trucks rather than rail. Lower shipping costs would allow for more market growth and put more people to work in our area.

Documents sent to you by Baker & Miller PLLC (STB file# 214372 regarding STB Docket #42087) states that we are the only shipper that remains on line, and that we have not filed any comments regarding this proceeding. There are other companies in our area that want and need this railroad back in service. Paper Cutters has previously corresponded with the STB concerning our lack of rail service (See Enclosure). We feel that we must have had the wrong contacts needed to express our needs.

The GCEDC is planning on turning this rail line into a walking trail. While we are not opposed to a walking trail, we do not believe that we should have to give up our opportunity for a rail line to get it.

With further regard to STB Docket No. AB-490-1-X, Paper Cutters, Inc. does herein submit its notice of intent to participate and hereby requests to be placed on the Board's service list. All correspondence and/or documentation should be directed to:

Randolph R. Mathena, President Paper Cutters Inc. 840 N. Hwy 25 By-Pass Greenville, SC 29617

Respectfully Submitted,

Randolph R. Mathena

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Enclosure

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I, Randolph R. Mathena, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this pleading. Executed on August 4, 2005.

Randolph R. Mathena

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of August 2005, a copy of the foregoing document was served by:

1. Federal Express Priority overnight, postage fully prepaid upon:

William A. Mullins Baker & Miller PLLC 2401 Pennsylvania Ave, Nw Suite 300 Washington, DC 20037

2. U.S. Mail Service

Steven C. Hawkins Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation P.O. Box 16614 Greenville, SC 29606-7614

Randolph L. Mather

Brad Wyche Upstate Forever P.O. Box 2308 Greenville, SC 29602

Randolph R. Mathena,

President

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8/5/2005

TO: MELYIN CLEMENS

COMPANY: STB

EMAIL: CLEMENTSMOSTB.DOT.GOV

PHONE NUMBER: 202-565-1573 FAX: 202-565-9011

FROM: RANDY MATHENA

RE: GREENVILLE NORTHERN RAILROAD

DEAR MR. CLEMENS,

WE CORRESPONDED AND TALKED BY PHONE MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS ABOUT THE GREENVILLE NORTHERN RAILROAD. I AM NOT CONNECTED TO THE ONGOING LITIGATION. PAPER CUTTERS INC IS STILL IN OPERATION AND WE ARE STILL LOCATED ON THE GREENVILLE NORTHERN RAILLINE. I HAVE A QUESTION. GREENVILLE COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE FORMING A GROUP. TO CLEAN THE RAILLINE AND PREPARE IT FOR USE AS A GREENWAY. THEY MENTION IN PUBLISHED ARTICLES THAT THEY ARE LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF A RAILLINE IN THE FUTURE. WE WERE A USER OF THIS RAILLINE AND WE STILL MAINTAIN A SPUR ON THIS LINE. I AM STILL WAITING PATIENTLY FOR GREENVILLE COUNTY TO FULLFILL THEIR PROMISE TO THE USERS, TO GIVE US RAIL SERVICE. I AM SATISFIED THAT YOU HAVE HAD YOUR FILL OF THIS ISSUE. I DO NOT WANT TO START LITIGATION, HOWEVER, SHOULD I WRITE A LETTER STATING THAT WE FEEL THAT RAIL SERVICE SHOULD SUPERSEDE A GREENWAY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMERCIAL USERS OF THE LINE HAVE PRESCEDENCE OVER ANY OTHER USE OF THE LINE. CAN YOU GIVE ME ANY GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE AND WHAT I CAN AND SHOULD DO, TO STATE OUR FEELINGS?

SINCERELY,
RANDY MATHENA

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ALTHOUGH THIS LETTER IS DATED WITH TODAY'S DATE, I SENT IT IN JUNE OR JULY OF 2005. I HAVE BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH THE STB, REQUESTING SERVICE FOR OVER FIVE YEARS.
RANDY MATHENA